

## **Jail Standards Board October 21, 2005**

Since a quorum was unable to be declared for the Jail Standards Board meeting set for October 14, 2005 it was rescheduled for October 21, 2005.

The Jail Standards Board met Friday, October 21, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., at the Cass County Law Enforcement Center, Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Public notice of the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was posted September 29<sup>th</sup> and Public notice for the rescheduled meeting of October 21<sup>st</sup> was posted October 20, 2005, in the Lincoln Journal Star.

### **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m., by Chair Deb Gilg. The following members were **present:** Stuart Delacastro, Deborah Gilg, Bob Houston, Willis Luedke, Ann O'Connor, Clint Rossman for Dennis Hohbein, and Mike Thurber. **Excused:** Michael Applegate, Isaac Brown, Jackie Harnett, and Gary Reiber. Staff present: Denny Macomber, Dan Evans, Jef Sevenker and Linda Rohn.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### *Motion*

*A motion was made by O'Connor and seconded by Luedke to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2005 Jail Standards Board meeting. Voting in favor of the motion: Houston, Luedke, O'Connor, Rossman, and Thurber. Delacastro abstained. (Motion carried).*

### **STAFF REPORT**

Macomber reported a meeting is scheduled with Mark Martin, a consultant for Red Willow County to discuss architect choices for the upcoming jail project. He said a building sight has not yet been determined. He stated Scottsbluff County has chosen an architect from Denver, Riley Johnson. Macomber commented this facility would be unique because it will be the first co-located juvenile/adult facility built in the state.

## **ANNUAL INSPECTIONS**

### **Review of Annual Inspections - Facilities Found to be in Full Compliance**

Gilg noted the following facilities have been found in full compliance and a copy of the listing was included in the mail out for your review and approval.

#### ***Motion***

***A motion was made by Delacastro and seconded by Houston to find the jails of Cass County, Dodge County, Douglas County Corrections, Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County Juvenile Services, Nemaha County, Omaha, Otoe County, Richardson County, Saline County, Sarpy County, and Thayer County Jail in full compliance with the Standards. Voting in favor of the motion: Delacastro, Houston, O'Connor, and Thurber. Luedke and Rossman abstained. (Motion carried).***

### **Review of Annual Inspections - Facilities found to be in Non-Compliance**

#### **Douglas County Work Release**

Evans reported this facility has been in operation for two years and has made some improvements from the last inspection. He stated the facility still has a few issues that need to be corrected such as co-combined activities, which may not be able to be corrected until their corrective action is in place.

Macomber gave a brief update on the planning process for the Douglas County Work Release project and anticipated final plans to be presented by the first of the year.

#### ***Motion***

***A motion was made by Thurber and seconded by Houston to find Douglas County Work Release out of compliance. Voting favor of the motion: Delacastro, Houston, Luedke, O'Connor, Rossman, and Thurber. (Motion carried).***

#### **Douglas County Youth Center**

Evans stated this is the third year they have been cited out of compliance for physical plant standards in terms of over capacity. The board has approved their corrective action plan and they are showing signs of improvement. He said they are working with Health & Human Services on a better screening plan to control the population housed in the youth center.

***Motion***

***A motion was made by Delacastro and seconded by O'Connor to find the Douglas County Youth Center out of compliance. Voting in favor of the motion: Delacastro, Houston, Luedke, O'Connor, Rossman, and Thurber. (Motion carried).***

**Johnson County Jail**

Sevenker reported at the time of inspection on August 9<sup>th</sup> the facility had an inoperable stationary bike. A new bike has since been purchased. The facility has a bid with Elk Creek Engineering in Tecumseh to build a multi-station indestructible exercise machine in the amount of \$1,825.00, which would put them in full compliance; however, Macomber reported a letter from the Fire Marshal's office was received on October 20, 2005 finding Johnson County Jail out of compliance with the Fire Marshal.

***Motion***

***A motion was made by Thurber and seconded by Delacastro to find Johnson County Jail out of compliance with the Fire Marshal. Voting in favor of the motion: Delacastro, Houston, Luedke, O'Connor, Rossman, and Thurber. (Motion carried).***

**Lancaster Correctional Facility**

Macomber stated at the time of inspection the facility was over capacity and recommended to find them out of compliance.

***Motion***

***A motion was made by O'Connor and seconded by Houston to find Lancaster Correctional Facility out of compliance. Voting in favor of the motion: Delacastro, Houston, Luedke, O'Connor, and Rossman. Thurber abstained. (Motion carried).***

**Lancaster County Intake & Detention**

Sevenker reported at the time of inspection the facility was out of compliance for over capacity. Thurber reviewed the corrective action plan in place. He said the facility is contracting with Platte County for immediate housing to reduce the population for Lancaster County. Discussion was held on the other aspects of the Lancaster County Intake & Detention Corrective Action Plan.

***Motion***

***A motion was made by Luedke and seconded by O'Connor to find Lancaster County Intake & Detention out of compliance and to approve the updated Corrective Action Plan. Voting in favor of the motion: Delacastro, Houston, Luedke, O'Connor, and Rossman. Thurber abstained. (Motion carried).***

### **Sarpy County Jail**

Evans commented at the time of inspection the facility was found out of compliance for over capacity by 9 to 10 inmates. They are working on their corrective action plan and they are taking steps toward possibly expanding the Jail. At this time it was recommended to find the facility out of compliance.

#### ***Motion***

***A motion was made by Delacastro and seconded by Houston to find the Sarpy County Jail out of compliance. Voting in favor of the motion: Delacastro, Houston, Luedke, O'Connor, Rossman, and Thurber. (Motion carried).***

### **Washington County Jail**

Macomber reported a letter was received from the Fire Marshal's Office stating the sprinkler head pipes extend down over 12 inches and need to be shortened.

#### ***Motion***

***A motion was made by Thurber and seconded by O'Connor to find the Washington County Jail in compliance contingent upon the completion of shortening the sprinkler heads. Voting in favor of the motion: Delacastro, Houston, Luedke, O'Connor, Rossman, and Thurber. (Motion carried).***

## **CORRECTIVE ACTION**

### **Dawes County Jail**

Evans reported the Dawes County Jail was found out of compliance at the April 2005 meeting for violations related to security. An on-site evaluation of the corrective action taken, confirmed that all deficiencies had been corrected. Evans presented a slide show on the renovation project of the Jail.

#### ***Motion***

***A motion was made by O'Connor and seconded by Houston to find the Dawes County Jail in full compliance with the standards. Voting in favor of the motion: Delacastro, Houston, Luedke, O'Connor, Rossman, and Thurber. (Motion carried).***

### **Douglas County Work Release**

Macomber stated discussion was held earlier in the minutes. No further action required.

## **Douglas County Youth Center**

No further action required.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Standards Revisions**

Macomber reported the new rules which will be used to pursue Standards revisions were received from PRO in September. He said they will continue to work with Robert Bell and hope to have a draft of proposed changes ready for the January Board meeting.

### **Trainer Certification for Initial Training Programs**

Macomber stated he attended the PSAC (Police Standards Advisory Council) meeting. He said that it appears the Training Center is no longer going to certify trainers for the jail school. Macomber reported that the Board has an Operating Instruction which the Board uses to certify trainers for initial jail training programs that operate separate from the Training Center. That O.I. can be utilized to certify three trainers who are awaiting certification. Macomber noted that at the December jail school at the Training Center he is planning to utilize the new trainers for the first time in presenting the newly revised initial training program. Macomber noted that all three trainers, Amber Haynes and Ted Pocwierz from Platte County, and Shanon Whitfield from Hall County, meet the criterion set forth and approved by the board in the trainer certification O.I. Macomber asked the Board to approve all three as trainers.

Macomber also noted that the bigger issue of whether or not the Training Center will continue to provide certification and indeed whether they will continue to do anything more than host the jail training is being discussed.

#### ***Motion***

***A motion was made by Delacastro and seconded by Luedke to approve Amber Haynes, Ted Pocwierz, and Shanon Whitfield for Trainer Certification for Initial Training Programs. Voting in favor of the motion: Delacastro, Houston, Luedke, O'Connor, Rossman, and Thurber. (Motion carried).***

### **Holt County Jail Project**

Macomber reported on his final walk thru on the jail. He said there were several issues that needed to be addressed or they would be found out of compliance on those issues. The County is working to correct these issues.

### **Garden County Yard Project**

Sevenker received a letter of intent to build a recreation yard of 672 sq. ft. and was approved by the Garden County Commissioners for \$29,600. Sevenker noted that the yard proposal would meet Standards and recommended approval of the plans.

#### ***Motion***

***A motion was made by O'Connor and seconded by Delacastro to approve the Garden County yard project. Voting in favor of the motion: Delacastro, Houston, Luedke, O'Connor, Rossman, and Thurber. (Motion carried).***

### **Waiver of Training**

Macomber reported Trisha Gardner-Miller and Jason Terrell completed their training thru the Nebraska Department of Corrections.

#### ***Motion***

***A motion was made by Thurber and seconded by O'Connor to approve the Waiver of Training for Jason Terrell and Trisha Gardner-Miller. Voting in favor of the motion: Delacastro, Houston, O'Connor, Rossman, and Thurber. Luedke abstained. (Motion carried).***

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next Jail Standards Board meeting is set for January 13, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Office Building, Lower Level A, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. A tour of the Cass County Jail was offered and Lunch was provided by Cass County Sheriff Brueggeman.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Vensky  
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